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For the first time in nearly a decade, Northville Township residents will see no increase in water and sewer rates.

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Residents of the Lake Pointe subdivision in Plymouth Township met last week at the Friendship Station to discuss the condition and repair of subdivision streets.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dick Klopshinske, both graduates of Wayne Memorial High School, marked their 60th wedding anniversary on June 3.

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THE WESTLAND EAGLE
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Members of the Westland City Council approved the $68 million 2019-2020 balanced budget submitted by Mayor William R. Wild.

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Distribution Center brings 400 jobs to Romulus

Romulus officials welcomed yet another new facility to the city last week, along with 400 jobs the distribution center brings.

Penske Logistics opened a new 606,000 square-foot cooler and freezer distribution facility in Romulus called the Michigan Fresh Center which will serve The Kroger Company. The new facility takes up about 47 acres on Wayne Road.

Penske company officials and community leaders celebrated the grand opening of the center last Tuesday. It will serve 120 Kroger stores, pharmacies and gas centers. Kroger officials say the location of the center will allow them to supply their stores with fresher products daily.

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"We hope also that it will bring other development along with it," said Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burcroff. "We have undeveloped land around this airport, so this is going to be part of catalyst program to bring more jobs to this region."

"We spent about $100 million to make sure we had the right material and handling equipment, the right design for the facility, the right space, the freezers, the banana rooms, etc," said Mark Altman, Penske Logistics. "We do similar work for them in Indiana and Texas so they turned to us to do something here on a quick timeframe."

The new facility has 105 loading docks and includes a 250,000-square-foot refrigerated section and a 100,000-square-foot section chilled at -15 degrees, said Pat Doran, project and engineering manager with Penske. There are more than 1 million cases of food housed in the warehouse, hauled back and forth by 127 pallet jacks.

The new warehouse replaces one Kroger had in Ohio, said

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Art restoration

Local artist hopes to resurrect Kahn-designed abandoned mill

A pubic meeting to discuss plans for the former Plymouth Engine Tap Plant is set for 6 p.m. June 18 at the Penn Theater in Plymouth.

Henry Ford probably didn't appreciate the artistic merit of the mills he had designed by famed architect Albert Kahn back in the early 1900s, concentrating more on the efficiency of the structures which were used for hydro-electric power in manufacturing.

Acclaimed Plymouth artist Tony Roko, however, has a deep admiration for the work of Kahn, considered one of the greatest architects of all time.

Roko is hoping to bring the genius of Kahn back into the public eye while he continues his efforts to help young artists. Through his foundation, he has partnered with Wayne County and is leading the public-private partnership to save the historic Plymouth Engine Tap Plant, a former Kahn-designed Ford factory mill located on Wilcox Road near the intersection of Hines Drive in Plymouth. The building was sold by Ford Motor Co. to Wayne County in 1949 and used for storage until about 1990. It has stood empty and unused for nearly 30 years and while it is on the state historic building registry, has fallen into disrepair.

Roko learned to paint in an Albert Kahn building, also owned by Ford, and is hoping history can repeat for the young artists he presently mentors through his Art Foundation, a 501c3 entity he created in 2017 to help teach disadvantaged youth, particularly those in therapeutic care, about art and self expression.

The plan is to rehabilitate the nearly 100-year-old Plymouth Mill structure into an arts education center and student art gallery to display the artwork of students from The Art Foundation. Roko would also like to move his art studio into the building, bringing his work closer to his students. Currently, Roko works with youngsters of various skill levels and individual objectives in his studio in downtown Plymouth.

Roko, a Plymouth-Canton high school graduate, began

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Tony Roko, far left, and his students and volunteers celebrate the work of his Art Foundation dedicated to helping disadvantaged youth youth through art.

National Strawberry Festival opens in Belleville tomorrow

The City of Belleville will host the sweetest festival in the country this weekend as the 43rd Annual National Strawberry Festival begins a three-day celebration of all things strawberry.

There are two midways, a beer tent, musical performances, bingo, crafters, lots and lots of strawberry treats of all kinds, a children's area, the crowning of the Strawberry Queen and the annual 150-entry parade from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. through downtown on Saturday.

In addition to the carnival rides and games, the Belleville Chamber of Commerce sponsors the Lakeside Strawberry Run beginning at 7 a.m. Saturday, June 15, during Strawberry Festival weekend.

Sponsored by Genisys Credit Union, the 5K run starts and ends at Horizon Park, and the route takes participants over the Denton Road bridge, across the lake and up into the neighborhoods of scenic Van Buren Township.

The cost to enter is $35 for

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those 19 and older, and $30 for those 18 and younger. For kids 10 and younger, there's a free "fun run" that begins 15 minutes before the start of the 5K. All children are invited to compete. The youngsters will be running down the block and back, and will receive a medal for their efforts.

This year's Strawberry Festival Parade will take place on Saturday, June 15.

The parade will officially kick off at 11 a.m. As in recent years, the line up for the parade will once again be a first come, first serve line-up. The newly-crowned Strawberry Queen will appear in the parade following special ceremonies beginning at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 14 at Belleville High School when one of four contestants will be selected for the honor.

> *There is a shuttle available to take visitors between the various venues of the festival which attracts more than 100,000 visitors during the weekend.*

There is no shortage of arts and crafts throughout the three festival locations. Craftspeople and artisans from all over the state of Michigan, and surrounding areas, have their merchandise displayed all weekend.

Trinity Episcopal Church serves everything strawberry and lots more including freshly-made glazed strawberry pies (with more than 3 pounds of fresh berries hulled that morning), homemade shortcakes with heaps of berries and whipped cream, sundaes-strawberry and hot fudge, strawberry tarts and cheesecakes, strawberry bread and muffins, homemade jam (sugar-free available) and the famous strawberry smoothies.

The 19th Annual Cinnamon's Car Show is set for 9 a.m. this year on Sunday, June 16 at Victory Park and will continue until 3 p.m.

There is a pre-registration event from 6-8 p.m. Friday, June 14 at Belleville Faith Assembly Church, 894 East Huron River Dr., in Belleville.

The festival includes tours of the one of the famous Martha-Mary Chapels at Belleville Presbyterian Church available from noon until 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

There is a shuttle available to take visitors between the various venues of the festival which attracts more than 100,000 visitors during the weekend.

A complete guide to the Belleville National Strawberry Festival events is included in this edition of The Eagle.

Beaumont facility moves to Belleville

Belleville residents will be getting a new neighbor this summer, one with a large footprint.

Beaumont Health has leased a 124,564-square-foot industrial building on Ecorse Road between Detroit Metropolitan Airport and Willow Run Airport in Belleville which will be used to store medical supplies distributed to local facilities and to fill and ship mail-order pharmacy items.

The move from Warren is expected to take place this summer, according to a statement from Carolyn Wilson, Beaumont Health chief operating officer.

The building was previously used by General Electric.

MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 28, 2019

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams.

Excused: Tina Talley.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Julie Wojtylko, Chief of Staff

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

1. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Roscoe** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

19-148 2A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Webb** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on May 13, 2019. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

19-149 2B. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council, Closed Session, Pending Litigation; and Open Session, City Controlled Substance Ordinance. Roll **Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb. **Nays** – Williams. **Motion Carried**.

3. Petitioner

19-150 3A. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Webb** to grant a no-fee permit to James Kirby, Assistant Pastor, Living Rock Church, 33200 Ecorse Road, for a prayer walk to be held on Saturday, June 1, 2019starting at 11:00 a.m. at the city hall parking lot. The route will be: westbound on Goddard Rd. to Olive St., south on Olive to Bibbins, east on Bibbins to Wayne Rd. and Wayne Rd. north back to city hall. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

4. Chairperson's Report

4. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Abdo** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

5. Mayor's Report

Chief of Staff, Julie Wojtylko, presented Mayor Burcroff's report. Ms. Wojtylko spoke about the Memorial Day ceremony; and, the ribbon cutting at Fire Station 2. The fire station will open on May 29, 2019 at 7:00 a.m. The 4th annual Prayer Breakfast will be held on June 11, 2019 with proceeds going to the Romulus Drug Task Force.

19-151 5A. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into agreements with Van Buren Township to provide water service to 39591 Price Street, with acknowledgment from Van Buren Township that they will become a City of Romulus water services customer. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

19-152 5B. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration to waive the bidding for the needed addition of the revised storm water management for the South Parking Lot to the contract with Blue Ribbon Contracting in the amount of $102,153 and for the addition of pews to the mill work contracted with Nelson Mill in the amount of $44,388. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

19-153 5C (1). Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and authorize a no-fee permit for the use of Elmer Johnson's Park on June 8, 2019, for the "Bark for Life" event. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

19-154 5C (2). Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize a no-fee permit for the Romulus Community Baptist Church to utilize Colorado Street from Fourth Street to the end of their property for the Pastor's 25th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, June 29, 2019. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

19-155 5D (1). Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Williams** to concur with the administration and approve the reappointments of William Wadsworth, Diane Poet, Sandy Tenney, and Arnett Chisholm to the Recreation Commission with terms to expire on December 31, 2022. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Abstain** – Wadsworth. **Motion Carried**.

19-156 5D (2). Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and approve the appointments of Ruby Paisley, Paris McCarthy and Romulus High School Representative, Brett Sherwood, to the Recreation Commission with terms to expire on December 31, 2022.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

19-157 5E. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and introduce Budget Amendment 18/19-26 to recognize additional forfeitures received and increase budgets for operations and unanticipated vehicle maintenance costs through June 30, 2019. Discussion: Councilwoman Williams asked Captain Monte to explain the amounts of the budget amendment.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Narcotic Forfeitures-State				
Expense				
268-301-943.000	Vehicle Maintenance-MV	60,000	50,000	110,000
Revenue				
268-301-656.100	State Narcotics Forfeits	50,000	50,000	100,000

To recognize additional forfeitures received and increase budgets for operations and unanticipated vehicle maintenance costs through June 30, 2019. Note: This has no effect on fund balance. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb. **Nays** – Williams. **Motion Carried**.

Clerk's Report

19-158 6A1. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Roscoe** to approve second reading/final adoption of an amendment to the City Controlled Substance Ordinance, which was introduced at the Council meeting of May 13, 2019. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb. **Nays** – Williams. **Motion Carried**.

19-159 6A2. Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 18/19-25, Merriman Road Special Assessment District which was introduced at the Council meeting of May 13, 2019. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

19-160 6A3. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Abdo** to schedule a study session with the Cemetery Board of Trustees on Monday, June 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss proposed changes to the Romulus Memorial Cemetery Rules and Regulations. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

6B. Treasurer's Report

7. Public Comment

A resident asked if Romulus has any half-way houses for sex offenders. (No, sex offenders register with the State of Michigan.) A resident commented about houses being flooded on Ecorse Road.

A resident spoke about the "Bark for Life" event which will be held on June 8, 2019.

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

Councilwoman Abdo said the building at Hannan and Huron River Drive is a distribution center for Amazon; and, she informed that Amazon is giving back to the community and hiring Romulus residents. Councilwoman Williams informed that Amazon will be donating equipment to the Romulus Community Schools.

10. Communication

Councilwoman Roscoe informed that the Farmer's Market starts on Wed. June 12, 2019 at the Historical Park and the Sounds of Downtown starts on Friday, June 14, 2019. Councilwoman Abdo announced that the Historical Society will have their annual flea market on Saturday, June 29, 2019, and anyone interested in renting a table at the flea market can contact Cathy Morse at 941-6361.

19-161 11. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Roscoe** to pay Warrant 19-10 in the amount of $1,405,456.10. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

12. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council meeting at 8:08 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on May 28, 2019. RM0405 - 061319 2.5 x 12.105

CITY OF ROMULUS
ORDINANCE NO. 2019-004

AN ORDINANCE TO RESTATE THE CITY OF ROMULUS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR EXCEPTIONS FOR MEDICAL AND RECREATIONAL MARIHUANA AND TO OPT-OUT OF MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS.

THIS IS A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE ORDINANCE

THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

THIS IS A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE ORDINANCE - A COMPLETE COPY IS ON FILE WITH THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AND IS AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING OR COPYING AT 11111 WAYNE RD, ROMULUS, MI.

DIVISION 4. - CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

Subdivision I. - Generally

Sec. 36-269. - Possession or use of marihuana.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly or intentionally possess marihuana except as permitted by the provisions of Michigan Medical Marihuana Act (MCL 333.26421 et seq.) And the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act as may be amended.

(b) Cultivation of marihuana by a qualifying patient as defined in MCL 333.26423 and by individuals 21 year of age and older under the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act shall be permitted only in RE, R-1A, R-1B, R-2, R-M or HRM zoning districts in single-family detached dwellings which are owned or rented and occupied by the qualifying patient or recreational user for their residential use.

(c) Cultivation of marihuana by a primary caregiver as defined in MCL 333.26423 shall be permitted only in RE, R-1A, R-1B, R-2, R-M or HRM zoning districts in single-family detached dwellings which are owned or rented and occupied by such persons for their residential use or his/her qualifying patients, residential use, to whom they are connected through registration with the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

(d) No changes.

(e) It shall be unlawful for any person, facility, or business located in the City of Romulus to operate any marihuana establishment as permitted in section 6.1 of the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act as the City hereby completely prohibits such establishments from locating within the boundaries of the City.

(f) It shall be unlawful for any person to use or possess marihuana except as authorized by the provisions of the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act (as may be amended et seq.) and the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (as may be amended).

Sec. 36-291. - Possession.

It is unlawful for any person to use or to possess with intent to use, marihuana accessories or drug paraphernalia to plant, propagate, cultivate, grow, harvest, manufacture, compound, convert, produce, processes, prepare, test, analyze, pack, repack, store, contain, conceal, inject, ingest, inhale or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled substance except as specifically permitted in the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act or the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act.

Sec. 36-292. - Manufacture, delivery or sale.

(a) It is unlawful for any reason to deliver, sell, possess with intent to deliver or sell, or manufacture with intent to deliver or sell, marihuana accessories or drug paraphernalia, knowing that it will be used to plant, convert, produce, process, prepare, test, analyze, pack, repack, store, contain, conceal, inject, ingest, inhale or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled substance except as specifically permitted in the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act or the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act.

(b) Before a person is arrested for a violation of subsection (a) of this section, the city attorney shall notify the person in writing, not less than two business days before the person is to be arrested, that the person is in possession of specific, defined material that has been determined by the city attorney to be marihuana accessories or drug paraphernalia. The notice also shall request that the person refrain from selling or offering for sale the material and shall state that if the person complies with the notice, no arrest will be made for a violation of subsection (a) of this section.

Sec. 36-295. - Civil forfeiture.

Any marihuana accessories or drug paraphernalia used, sold, possessed with intent to use or sell, or manufactured with intent to sell in violation of this subdivision shall be seized and forfeited to the city.

Sec. 36-296. - Penalties

A person who commits any of the following acts, and is not otherwise authorized by the Act to conduct such activities may be punished only as provided in this section.

(a) Except for a person who engaged in conduct described in sections 4(1)(a), 4(1)(b), 4(1) (c), 4(1)(d), 4(1)(g), or 4(1)(h) of the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act ("MRTMA"), a person who possesses not more than the amount of marihuana allowed by section 5 of the MRTMA, cultivates not more than the amount of marihuana allowed by section 5 of the MRTMA, delivers without receiving any remuneration to a person who is at least 21 years of age not more than the amount of marihuana allowed by section 5 of the MRTMA, or possesses with intent to deliver not more than the amount of marihuana allowed by section 5 of the MRTMA, is responsible for a civil infraction and may be punished by a fine of not more than $100 and forfeiture of the marihuana.

(b) Except for a person who engaged in conduct described in section 4 of the MRTMA, a person who possesses not more than twice the amount of marihuana allowed by section 5 of the MRTMA, cultivates not more than twice the amount of marihuana allowed by section 5 of the MRTMA, delivers without receiving any remuneration to a person who is at least 21 years of age not more than twice the amount of marihuana allowed by section 5 of the MRTMA, or possesses with intent to deliver not more than twice the amount of marihuana allowed by section 5 of the MRTMA:

(1) for a first violation, is responsible for a civil infraction and may be punished by a fine of not more than $500 and forfeiture of the marihuana;

(2) for a second violation, is responsible for a civil infraction and may be punished by a fine of not more than $500 and forfeiture of the marihuana;

(3) for a third or subsequent violation, is guilty of a misdemeanor and may be punished by a fine of not more than $500 and forfeiture of the marihuana.

(c) Except for a person who engaged in conduct described by section 4(1)(a), 4(1)(d), or 4 (1)(g) of the MRTMA, a person under 21 years of age who possesses not more than 2.5 ounces of marihuana or who cultivates not more than 12 marihuana plants:

(1) for a first violation, is responsible for a civil infraction and may be punished as follows:

(a) if the person is less than 18 years of age, by a fine of not more than $100 or community service, forfeiture of the marihuana, and completion of 4 hours of drug education or counseling; or

(b) if the person is at least 18 years of age, by a fine of not more than $100 and forfeiture of the marihuana.

(2) for a second violation, is responsible for a civil infraction and may be punished as Follows:

(a) if the person is less than 18 years of age, by a fine of not more than $500 or community service, forfeiture of the marihuana, and completion of 8 hours of drug education or counseling; or

(b) if the person is at least 18 years of age, by a fine of not more than $500 and forfeiture of the marihuana.

(d) Except for a person who engaged in conduct described in section 4 of the MRTMA, a person who possesses more than twice the amount of marihuana allowed by section 5 of the MRTMA, cultivates more than twice the amount of marihuana allowed by section 5 of the MRTMA, or delivers without receiving any remuneration to a person who is at least 21 years of age more than twice the amount of marihuana allowed by section 5 of the MRTMA, shall be responsible for a misdemeanor, but shall not be subject to imprisonment unless the violation was habitual, willful, and for a commercial purpose or the violation involved violence.

(e) All other violations of this Chapter 36 shall be a misdemeanor offense subject to a fine of not more than $500 and forfeiture of the marihuana or paraphernalia.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Romulus this 28th day of May, 2019.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the City Council of the City of Romulus at a regular Council Meeting held in the City Council Room in said City on the 28th day of May, 2019.

I further certify that the foregoing was published in The Eagle, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Romulus, on the 13th day of June, 2019.

ELLEN L. CRAIG-BRAGG, CMC, City Clerk

Within forty-five (45) days after publication of any ordinance duly passed by the Council, a petition may be presented to the Council protesting against such ordinance continuing in effect. Said petition shall contain the text of such ordinance and shall be signed by not less than six percent (6%) of the registered electors registered at the last preceding election at which a Mayor of the City was elected. Said ordinance shall thereupon and thereby be suspended from operation and the Council shall immediately reconsider such ordinance.

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CANTON - NORTHVILLE

No increase in Northville Township water rates

For the first time in nearly a decade, Northville Township residents will see no increase in water and sewer rates this year, according to a statement from Township Supervisor Robert Nix.

Township officials with the assistance of consultants and a working committee comprised of residents and business representatives evaluated the existing rate structure, alternative rate structures and opportunities for rate reduction. As a result, township officials adopted suggested cost saving options including making improvements to the water and sewer system; renegotiating the contract to lower the peak hour water rate and terminating sewer contracts with Wayne County, which allowed the negotiation of a more favorable sewer contract rate.

In addition, Nix and members of the board of trustees implemented changes to the rate structure to stabilize future water and sewer rates.

From 2008 to 2013, cash reserves totaling more than $27 million were used to subsidize the water and sewer department operating costs and minimize increasing rates. In addition, the township relied on the collection of connection fees to offset water

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offset future rates. The practice was eliminated a rate design that incorporated both a fixed meter and consumption charge was adopted. The board action relied on the input of the working committee in evaluating best practices, according to a statement from Nix' office.

Northville Township water and sewer charges are divided into two categories: fixed charges (called "readiness to serve") and variable charges (called "usage"). Usage is billed per 1,000 gallons of water used and the readiness to serve charge is determined by the meter size of a home or business.

The "Ready to Serve" charge is assessed to cover a portion of the township debt for improvements to the water and sewer system as well as cover departmental costs to serve the needs of each customer. Debt obligations of the Water and Sewer Fund were reduced by $2,160,488 from the prior year which allowed the ready to serve charge to remain at the 2018 rates.

The "Usage" charge is currently $11.62/1,000 gallons for combined water and sewer and remains unchanged from 2018. The additional improvements to the water system, reduction in peak day demand and contract renegotiations reduced the overall cost of water purchases. As a result, the cost of water purchased has decreased more than $540,000 or 9 percent from the prior year, officials said. These savings are being used to offset increased costs and restore capital replacement reserves.

To learn more about the Department of Public Services or Water and Sewer, visit twp.northville.mi.us/WaterReport.

International Festival is part of Canton Liberty Festival

The International Festival, a traditional attraction at the Canton Liberty Festival, will be performed on stage from 11:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 15.

A variety of cultures from around the world will be performing on the Canton LIVE! Stage in Heritage Park.

Presented by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage, this special free event will feature cultures from around the world including: Indian, Chinese, Irish, Italian, Greek, Japanese, Hawaiian, Sri Lankan, and others.

Groups and performers expected to take the stage, include: Hoaloha - Hawaiian, Polynesian; Chinese Dance Solo by Kayla Li; Belly Dance performed by Faye; Flute/Piano Solo by Kiera; O'Kennedy Irish Dance; Heart Melody Group; Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan; Canton Summit Dance Team; Canton Qi Pao Team; Ann Hua Waist Drum Team; Ebony Cooper - Native American Flute; Asian Indian Dance of Canton; Steppers, Mimes, & Praise Dancers from New Hope Baptist Church of Wayne; Yi Ren Dance Team; Voice of Heart; Taiji Stream; Tim O'Hare School of Traditional Irish Dance; Pipa Solo by Angela Bolon; Tantra - Bollywood Fusion; Sakura - Japanese Group; Michigan New Century Chinese School Performances; The Nativity of The Virgin Mary REVMA Greek Dancers; HruDhwani Fusion Band - Western and Indian Classical.

This free event is suitable for all ages. Festival-goers are reminded that no dogs are allowed on festival grounds and all bikes must be parked in a bike corral. New this year, a convenient Uber, Lyft, or parent drop-off/pick-off spot has been designated on Civic Center Boulevard in front of the Canton Public Library main parking lot.

Motorists are cautioned that because of the heavy traffic expected for the Liberty Fest fireworks display in Heritage Park, an emergency traffic order has been issued by Director of Public Safety Joshua C. Meier.

Canton Center Road between Cherry Hill an Palmer will be closed from 10:30 until 11:30 p.m. on Saturday; Summit Parkway will be closed from Canton Center Road to Glengarry Boulevard from 8 until 11:30 p.m. and effective from 8 until 11 a.m. Saturday, roads including southbound Canton Center at Palmer; northbound Canton Center at Rouge River bridge; east and west bound Summit Parkway between Veterans Way and Canton Center Road; southbound Sheldon and Woodmont East and northbound Sheldon at Rouge River bridge will close.

The closures will accommodate the annual Liberty Festival Run.

For more detailed information about the International Festival and all things related to the Canton Liberty Fest, visit www.cantonlibertyfest.com, call (734) 394-5460 or refer to the complete schedule and event map included in this edition of The Eagle.

Notice of Public Hearing
Charter Township of Canton
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
Program Year (PY) 2019 Action Plan

The Charter Township of Canton is adopting its **Annual Action Plan for Program Year (PY) 2019 from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020** for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds at $336,372 and reallocating $76,360 from prior year funds.

The Finance Department encourages all parties to participate at a PUBLIC HEARING on **Tuesday, June 25, 2019, at 7:00 P.M. at the Canton Administration Building - Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan.** Otherwise all communications should be addressed in writing to the Financial Analyst, Canton Township- Finance Department, Mike Sheppard, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton , Michigan, 48188.

Canton will provide technical assistance to citizens and groups representative of persons of low and moderate income that request such assistance in developing funding request proposals and in the review of program activities and program performance. In addition, Canton will make adequate provisions to assist non-English speaking residents in interpreting program opportunities and provisions on a case-by-case basis, as well as provide auxiliary aides and services for individuals with disabilities. Requests for special accommodations must contact Mike Sheppard at **(734) 394-5225**, e-mail mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org or in writing to the Finance Department, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton MI 48188 **ATTN: Action Plan Hearing.** Requests for special accommodations must be made with reasonable advance notice.

Mike Sheppard
Financial Analyst
Finance Department

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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REQUEST FOR BIDS

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The Charter Township of Northville will receive sealed bids for **NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP NEXT GENERATION FIREWALL AND SWITCHES** according to the specifications of the Charter Township of Northville.

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Details and any changes to the bid or addendum can be found at www.twp.northville.mi.us\Projects

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Inkster - Romulus

Juneteenth celebrations are set in community

Two events this week will celebrate Juneteenth in the City of Inkster

The first will take place from noon until dusk on Saturday, June 15 at Whetley Park.

The celebration marks June 19, a pivotal time in the life of slaves living in the southwest, especially the state of Texas. It was not until June 19, 1895 that slaves learned that they had been free since 1863 when the Emancipation Proclamation was signed by President Abraham Lincoln.

Juneteenth has come to be a day to honor Black American legacy as a great people and fortifying their ongoing history as contributors to America.

The event will include food, games, vendors, food trucks a Barbeque cookoff and a program of spoken word, music, dance and speeches commemorating this historic milestone in the lives of Black Americans.

Visitors are asked to bring a chair

Wheatley Park is located on Beech Daly Road at Penn Street. There is no admission fee and the celebration, which is hosted by the Community Up group, is open to the public although some contests will have entry fees and vendors will be charging for some food and merchandise.

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Community Up will also host a Middle Passage Ceremony at Inkster Park at 6 p.m. June 19.

The ceremony memorializes the more than two million captive Africans who were lost at sea between Africa and the Americas where they were bound for slavery. These captives were herded onto ships, crowded into tight quarters, besieged by pestilence and disease, and, when death occurred, were unceremoniously thrown overboard into the Atlantic Ocean.

As is traditional, all participants and observers will be wearing white.

Inkster Park is located on John Daly Road. The event is free and visitors are asked to bring a chair.

No drugs and no alcohol will be permitted at each of the family-friendly events

Kroger

FROM PAGE 1

Dominic Palazzolo, produce and floral merchandiser for Kroger. For the company, it means savings from less shrinkage and transit time, and for consumers, it means fresher products.

"All products housed in the new distribution center are Kroger products and the facility will only service Kroger's Michigan Division," Rachel Hurst, corporate affairs manager for Kroger, said in a news release.

The city of Romulus offered the company a tax abatement amounting to approximately a 60-percent reduction in property taxes.

All the products in the warehouse are owned by Kroger, while Penske owns the infrastructure. Penske doesn't actually transport goods to or from the site, Doran said. It receives goods from dozens of different vendors to Kroger, takes a record of inventory and hauls the products into the warehouse. From there, third-party vendor FirstFleet Inc., based in Tennessee, receives the products from the warehouse and ships them to Kroger stores.

Hurst said the company continues to hire for the warehouse. Open positions can be seen on the Penske website. Wages range from $16.50 to $22.50 per hour.

"The big thing is it is bringing 400-plus jobs to the city of Romulus," said Wayne County Executive Warren Evans. "It is another addition to the economic development that's going on in Wayne County."

Class of 1979 reunion set

Old friends will meet for a weekend of conversation and reminiscing next month when the Romulus High School Class of 1979 meets for the 40th reunion.

Organizers have also invited members of the graduating classes from 1977, 1978, 1980 and 1981 to join them for the three-day event.

The reunion activities will begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday Aug. 6 when class members can meet for hors d'oeuvres and conversation at the Marriott Delta Hotel at 31500 Wick Road. The event will continue until 10 p.m.

Alumni will meet at 5:30 Aug. 17 for dinner and dancing during a cruise on the Detroit Princess. Tickets for the cruise are $68 per person if purchased before July 17 and $73 per person after that date. Tickets can be purchased at www.detroitprincess.com.

The weekend gathering will close with a Family Barbeque set from 1-6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18 at St. Johns Lodge #44, 31800 Beverly Road in Romulus.

For more information or reservations contact one of the committee members; Michael Johnson, (313) 319-7282; Sarita Stephens, (313) 974-9563; ILanader Johnson, (313) 258-5681; Duane Moffat, (248) 459-3399; John Baum, (734) 255-7055 or Teri Pryor (Rice), (734) 772-4260.

Father faces murder charges in death of 2 children

A Romulus resident is facing second-degree murder charges in the death of his two children who were killed in an automobile crash last March.

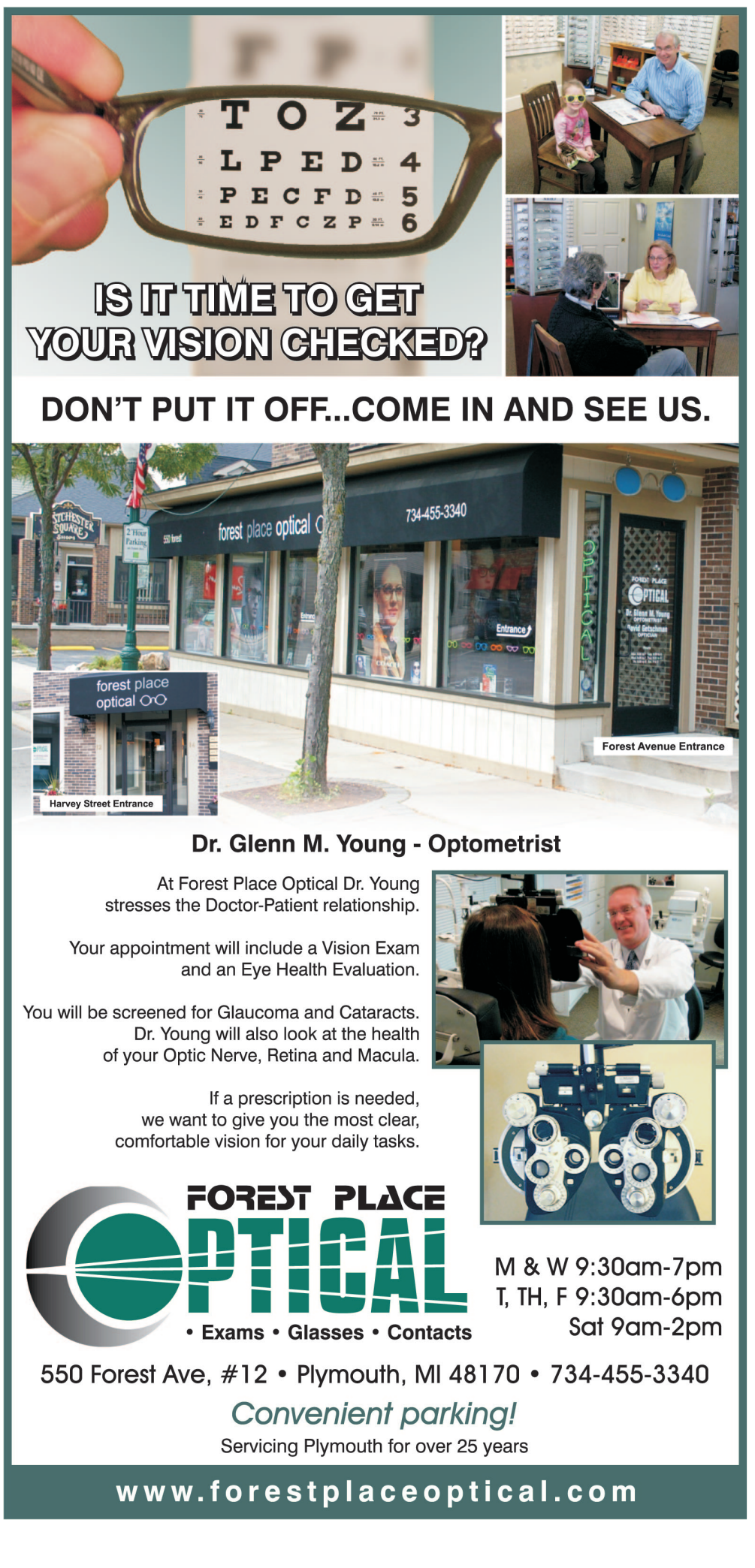
According to police reports, Damerious Church, 29, was driving "aggressively and attempting to pass vehicles on the shoulder of the highway" March 8 when his vehicle left Interstate 96 near Williamston and struck a tree. Witnesses told police that it appeared that Church lost control of the vehicle in which his 9-year-old son and 8-year-old daughter were riding in the back seat.

The children, who both reportedly lived in Grand Rapids, were pronounced dead at the scene, which was just east of Zimmer Road, prosecutors said.

Church was transported to a nearby hospital for treatment of injuries described as "serious."

Church was charged May 31 and arraigned on two counts of second-degree murder, two counts of operating while intoxicated causing death and two counts of operating while his license was suspended or revoked, causing death.

Church could face up to life in prison if convicted on the second-degree murder charges.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PLYMOUTH

Lake Pointe residents discuss road repairs

Don Howard
Staff Writer

Residents of the Lake Pointe subdivision in Plymouth Township met last week at the Friendship Station to discuss the condition and repair of subdivision streets. The homeowners association officers invited Township Director of Public Services Patrick Fellrath, and George Tsakoff of the Livonia engineering and planning firm, OHM Advisors, to answer questions and summarize the formation of a Special Assessment District (SAD) program to pay for the needed repairs. Fellrath told the audience that the homeowners association had expressed a substantial interest in repairing the concrete roads in the subdivision, thought to be between 40 and 50 years old and past the designed service life.

The meeting was attended by a standing room only crowd, breaking attendance records for any homeowners association meeting, according to board members. An intense audience, at times disruptive, listened to Fellrath and Tsakoff answer questions about the SAD procedure and explain how resident support and approval would affect the homeowners and the future progress of the work.

Fellrath told the homeowners in order to form the SAD, the majority of the Lake Pointe homeowners in the designated area must agree to pay the costs and the plan must then be approved by township officials.

Regulations require 51 percent or greater of the property owners-based on total frontage, and 51 percent or greater of the property owners based on total number of units within the district demonstrate support for the improvements by signing a valid petition after the forms are approved, prepared and mailed, according to state statute.

SADs are a tax mechanism authorized by Michigan Public Act 188 which allow for the establishment of the assessment districts for purposes of performing township improvements. Property owners may pay for road improvements over time with a dedicated amount added to their property tax bills. The program is administered by the township, which usually borrows the funds to pay for the improvements, and then bills the property owners a portion of the expense based on the cost and amount of roadway on respective properties.

> *With more than 800 homes, and 2,268 residents, Lake Pointe is the largest subdivision in the township. www.city ofwestland.com under the OpenGov section.*

The township usually charges residents an administrative fee for the service and adds an estimated 4 percent interest on the loan.

Plymouth Township residential streets are under the responsibility and ownership of Wayne County. A statement on the county website stipulates their interpretation of that responsibility.

"Wayne County also maintains township residential streets year-round, but it is not responsible for making major improvement since the county did not build them. Residential streets are built by developers and paid for by homeowners as part of the cost of their home. Therefore, the cost of paving or resurfacing generally is borne by the property owners, usually in the form of a special assessment district."

In 2015, the township received $750,000 in county funding for road improvements. According to township Treasurer Mark Clinton, the funds were shared across four approved SAD projects along with some patchwork on previous SADs. Clinton said the larger the subdivision the lesser the cost per homeowner. The construction work on the subject four SADs was completed in 2017 and the assessments were billed on the homeowner's winter tax bills. Clinton reported that on all of the 2015 funding projects Wayne County contributed 32.6 percent and the homeowners 67.4 percent. He said the remainder of the funds was used for crack sealing on past SAD projects.

In Deer Creek, 121 lots were assessed $1,977; in Plymouth Commons, 130 lots were assessed $3,918; in Ridgewood Hills-West, 199.25 lots were each assessed $2,566 and in Hunters Creek 27 lots were each assessed $5,595, according to township records.

Of the four subdivisions that approved SADs, approximately 50 percent of the homeowners paid the assessments up-front rather than the offered 10-year payment plan.

Tsakoff said he thought the roads "generally look in pretty good condition for their age," but because they are past their full life span "would have to be a full replacement."

Tsakoff said one concern was whether OHM could find a developer who would want to take on a project with the number of roads and the size of Lake Pointe. With more than 800 homes and 2,268 residents, Lake Pointe is the largest subdivision in the township. Fellrath said if the project comes to fruition, it could be the largest SAD road paving in the history of the township.

Mill

FROM PAGE 1

his career at Ford Motor Co. and as his innate talent was recognized, he was pulled from the factory floor to create murals in the plants to help improve morale. The quality of that work quickly escalated into the public domain and solo exhibitions and commissions for serious art collectors across the country, including Lady GaGa, Jay Leno and the Holocaust Museum, followed. Roko was named Detroit's Best Fine Artist for five consecutive years and he was also selected to create a series of paintings to act as the new face of Atwater Brewery. He is about to begin work on a large mural installation at the Detroit Train Station renovation, a commission from Lincoln Motors.

In addition to the historic mill building which has been closed to the public for three decades, Roko hopes to transform the blighted property surrounding the factory into a sculpture garden featuring works designed by elementary school youth.

The "Inner Child" garden would include walking paths and agricultural installations open to the public from dawn to dusk daily. The plan also includes public amenities for cyclists, fishermen and Hines Park visitors.

Roko is aware of the amount of work, dedication and money the renovation will take but is determined to bring the unused and dilapidated building back into use as the architectural gem it once was.

A public meeting has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 18, to explain the plans for the restoration and future use of the old mill and determine public support for the project. The meeting will take place at the Penn Theater, 760 Penniman Ave. in downtown Plymouth, across from Kellogg Park.

Tony Roko works with a student in his Plymouth studio.

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Belleville - Canton

Canton trustee is honored for math, science work

Don Howard
Staff Writer

Canton Township resident Anne Marie Graham-Hudak has been honored for her work in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). She received Crain's Detroit Business Magazine award May 27.

Ford Motor Co. just announced that three Ford women won this award, and published it on the company internal websites.

"It is such an honor," said Graham-Hudak, who also serves on the Canton Township Board of Trustees. She has been with Ford for five years and previously had a six-year Ford stint.

She worked at Chrysler for four years and the Federal Aviation Administration for four years. Graham-Hudak has a bachelor of science degree in electrical/electronic engineering from Boston University and an MBA from Lawrence Technological University, which she earned this past December.

"Many girls have a very strong desire to change the world from a very young age - I know that was true of my four sisters and myself - three of us are engineers, one is a special education teacher, and the youngest is a physical therapy assistant. Microsoft conducted a poll and found that 72 percent of the girls polled said it was important for them to have jobs that directly helped the world, but only 37 percent thought of STEM as being creative or making the world better," said Graham-Hudak.

"Science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) careers are a very powerful way to make these changes, whether it be through finding cures for diseases, launching ways to reduce pollution, inventing or implementing technology in their communities, teaching children with special needs, even composing a symphony, to name a few. STEM will bring the future to our communities and workplaces and it is important our daughters be there to lend their creative and unique perspective. I have been in many engineering meetings where women have brought ideas to the table that the men did not consider - we are unique and a large percentage of the consumers of technology and decisions in our home and world," she said.

"I love math and science as it opens the doors to so many fields and possibilities, and everything around us can be described by math and science. The acronym is now STEAM - Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics - it is all important," she concluded.

Colleagues at Ford Motor added praise for their coworker.

"Anne Marie is enthusiastic in her passion for technology. This is exemplified in how many changes she has placed across Ford sites, and her continual push for infrastructure improvements to move our world forward," said Julie De Hagen, Ford Motor Co. STEAM business partner mentor.

Graham-Hudak and her husband, Hadley, have four children "and a very large extended family throughout Southeastern Michigan." She tells high school girls: "Follow your dreams - and they can change over time - that's OK. See the beauty in math and science as it is the root of all we see, do feel and touch. Don't let others tell you that you can't do something - because as girls and women - we can do anything we put our mind to. Stay strong and reach out to other like minded people for support when you need encouragement."

Canton Township Clerk Michael Siegrist also had praise for Graham-Hudak and the expertise she offers the township.

"Anne Marie brings her technical expertise and engineering background to her role as a township trustee and as the board representative on the planning commission. As Canton Township grows exponentially in population and development, she is at the vanguard, ensuring we embrace economic trends to create a 21st century community," he said.

Anne Marie Graham-Hudak

Plans for 25,000 square-foot data center OK'd in Van Buren

Members of the Belleville Planning Commission approved the site plan for Phase One, a 25,000 square-foot data center to be constructed on Haggerty Road.

The application for the construction plan for the 7.91 acre site was prepared by professional urban planners, McKenna, representing US Signal. Representatives indicated that there will be three additional phases of 25,000 square-feet each at the site.

"The timing of phases 2-4 expansions will be determined by customer demand, but the expectation would dictate a phase addition every 24 months," wrote McKenna planning consultant Vidya Krishnan in a letter to the commission. She said this would result in a full build-out in 6-8 years.

Stipulations of the site plan approval included crosswalks on the southwest corner of the property to connect Haggerty and Tyler roads.

State permits are still necessary for the construction which includes a specialized fractured pattern of texturized concrete on the building façade. The east side of the where additions are planned with not have the specialized finish, according to the architectural plans.

The plan was helped through the Wayne County permit phase by David Schreiber of the Wayne County Economic Development Corp. who was present at the meeting..

US Signal currently has 16 certified data centers in mid-sized cities across the country. Most are at least 200 miles apart and all are on separate power grids to minimize the effects of natural disasters, according to the company website.

The data centers benefit from more than 14,000 miles of privately owned lit fiber and metro rings in strategic tier-one, tier-two and tier-three markets. According to the website, the Van Buren Township operation is scheduled to open in the fourth quarter this year.

The new state-of-the-art facility will add up to 100,000 square feet of additional data center space in greater Detroit, according to the company website.

Verdi Opera Theatre stars to perform at Liberty Fest

The International Festival in Heritage Park on Saturday will include a special appearance by Soprano Kristine Overman, as well as Baritone Logan Dell'Acqua, presented by the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan. The performers will be accompanied on piano by Mahour Arbabian.

Overman is an American soprano and recent graduate from the University of Michigan prestigious vocal program. Overman has sung with many international festivals in Italy, the Czech Republic, and Austria, as well as having been featured as the Countess in the University of Michigan Opera departments "Le Nozze di Figaro." She is also a first prize winner of the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan annual Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition. This summer she travels back to Italy to perform as Vitellia in "La Clemenza di Tito," before pursuing her master's degree in Vocal Performance and Pedagogy at the University of Houston.

Dell'Acqua is a lyric baritone currently studying at the University of Michigan for his masters under the direction of Stephen Lusmann. His recent roles include Bob in Highway One, USA by William Grant Still; Der Lautsprecher, in Der Kaiser Von Atlantis; Figaro, in Le Nozze di Figaro; and Bobby in company. Among his other most recent accomplishments: winning first place and also being the recipient of the baritone category prize at the 2019 George Shirley Vocal Competition. In undergraduate Logan was the recipient of the Megan Parker vocal award as well as the Fitzpatrick Opera award, and he was also a first place winner of the Great Lakes Regional NATS.

Arbabian is a native of Iran and was formerly based in Tehran as a solo and collaborative pianist. After graduating with her bachelor's degree in piano performance from the University of Tehran, she was employed by the Tehran Conservatory of Music to teach music theory, while serving as a studio accompanist at the University of Tehran. She has won awards both as a soloist and as an accompanist and has participated in the International Fadjr Festival and the Classic to Contemporary Festival in Tehran. Mahour moved to the United States to pursue her master's degree in collaborative piano at the University of Michigan under the renowned pianist and vocal coach, Martin Katz. Arbabian will be spending this summer at the Aspen Music Festival and School in Colorado as a recipient of the Polonsky Foundation Fellowship.

The Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan, founded in 1988 and based in Canton, is a non-profit organization dedicated to encouraging and supporting the development of young opera singers, and to fostering appreciation of the music of Giuseppe Verdi and other composers of opera and popular music for the theatre, for everyone's enjoyment and cultural enrichment.

The performances will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 15 on the Canton LIVE! Stage during the 28th Annual Liberty Fest, a three-day community festival featuring two stages of live entertainment and family fun for all ages.

For additional information about the International Festival, which is presented by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage Multicultural Committee, visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call (734) 394-5300.

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Westland OK's $68 million balanced city budget

The City of Westland will add $334,000 to the General Fund balance and preserve a "rainy day" fund of more than $6.7 million without any increase in the local millage rate following approval of the 2019-2020 budget submitted by Mayor William R. Wild.

The $68 million budget was approved by members of the city council at the June 3 meeting and includes the recently approved MERS Pension and Retiree Healthcare Corrective Action Plans. Westland will contribute an additional $500,000 to the retiree healthcare liability above the normal "pay as you go" costs in addition to the annual required contribution to the pension plan.

The budget also includes funding for much-needed infrastructure improvements allocating planned expenditures of $4.8 million for major and local roads throughout the community. In addition, approximately $3.3 million is allocated toward water and sewer capital projects.

The budget is available to view on www.city ofwestland.com under the OpenGov section.

Improvements to handicap parking at the Jefferson Barnes Community Vitality Center and for capital investments for the public safety department and replacement of several public service vehicles were also included in the budget presented by Wild.

Other capital investments included safety and security equipment for the police department, fire department, and the Friendship Center. Funds have also been earmarked for the updating of the city website and the Westland Click and Fix mobile application.

"While this is a very conservative budget, it does allow for strategic investment in the city's infrastructure and public safety as well as the addition of necessary personnel and technology advancements to improve services to our residents," commented Wild.

The budget is available to view on www.cityofwestland.com under the OpenGov section.

Moving on up

The Westland Professional Fire Fighters awarded scholarships to local students at the June 3 Westland City Council Meeting. The award winners are all local area students who will be continuing their education in the fields of public service. The winners of the Bobby Foust Scholarship are Savanah Chahine, Michelle Ferrell and Kayanna Bodick, who will receive $1,000 toward the next step in their education. The winner of the Brian Woehlke Memorial Scholarship is Allison Reed who will receive full tuition to Dorsey Emergency Medical Academy to complete her Paramedic Advanced Life Support courses. The Todd Stanaway Memorial Scholarship winners are Madison Justice and Jonathan Holbrook who will also receive full tuition to Dorsey Emergency Medical Academy to complete their Paramedic Advanced Life Support courses. The Westland Professional Fire Fighters have awarded more than $100,000 worth of scholarships over the past 16 years, all going to outstanding local students. The scholarships have helped nearly 100 students pursue higher education and ensure that a strong base of public servants move into the workforce.

Wayne graduates mark 60th wedding anniversary

Barbara and Dick Klopshinske

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Klopshinske marked their 60th wedding anniversary on June 3 with a trip on the California Zepher train before returning to their home in Colorado.

The couple graduated from Wayne Memorial High School, Klopshinske in 1959 and his wife, nee Barbara French, in 1961. The pair eloped in 1959 and were married in North Carolina.

They moved to Colorado in 1971 where Klopshinske worked as a millwright and plant engineer while his wife was employed as a full-charge bookkeeper. They were outdoor enthusiasts who spent time fishing, camping and hiking in the mountains.

They each retired in 1996 and bought a recreational vehicle and spent the next 20 years traveling the country while spending winters in South Texas. They moved back to Colorado about two years ago to be near their children, Debra Paiz and Richard Klopshinske, Jr.

They spend their time enjoying their hobbies including gardening, square-dancing and camping.

Friends can contact the couple at klopshinske@ yahoo.com.

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Calendar of events

Inspire presents Leading Ladies

Inspire Theatre will present Leading Ladies, the story of two Shakespearean actors who find themselves performing on the Moose Lodge circuit in the Amish country of Pennsylvania. They hear that an old lady is about to die and leave her fortune to her two long-lost English nephews. They resolve to pass themselves off as her beloved relatives and get the cash. Trouble ensues when they discover the relatives are nieces, not nephews.

Performances are set for 7:30 p.m. June 15, 21, and 22 and at 3 p.m. June 16 and 23 at Westland Center for the Arts, 33455 Warren Road in Westland.

Tickets, priced at $16, are available at inspiretheatre,ticketleap.com. For more information, call (734) 751-7057.

Summer reading program starts

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland will begin the Summer Reading Program from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, June 15.

Planned is spin art, a bubble station, light refreshments and other attractions. The event is free.

The library is located at 6123 Central City Parkway in Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

Museum hosts Paint and Pour

The Wayne Historical Society members will host Paint and Pour from 1-3 p.m. June 15. The event includes the laying of colors in a cup and pouring them on a canvas to make modern art. All paint, supplies and canvas will be provided as part of the $30 per person fee. More canvasses are available for an additional fee.

The event will take place at the museum, 1 Town Square in Wayne, at the corner of Main and Biddle.

Coffee With A Cop served

The Inkster Police Department will host Coffee With A Cop at 10 a.m. June 19 at Applewood Coney Island, 28640 Michigan Ave. in Inkster.

There is no agenda or speeches, just an opportunity to enjoy a cup of coffee, ask questions, voice concerns and get to know the officers serving area neighborhoods.

Legislator sets coffee hour

State Sen. Dayna Polehanki (D-Livonia) will host a coffee hour in Canton from 7-8 p.m. June 20 at Canton Township Hall.

Coffee hours, which are open to the public, give residents a chance to meet with Polehanki, hear updates from Lansing and discuss issues impacting Western Wayne County.

Canton Township Hall is located at 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188. No RSVP is required. For additional information, call (517) 373-7350 or email SenDPolehanki@senate. michigan.gov.

Mini-golf tournament set

The Wayne Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Mini Golf Tournament beginning with registration at 11 a.m. June 20 at Garden City Mini Golf Course.

Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. and there will be a shotgun start at 11:45 a.m. The course is 18 holes and there will be a scramble format with course contests.

Early registration is encouraged by organizers. Registration is available at the Wayne Chamber of Commerce office, 34844 West Michigan Ave. in Wayne. The fee is $25 per golfer and sponsorships are still available.

For more information or to donate, call (734) 721-0100.

Firefighters to teach CPR

The Romulus Chamber of Commerce will sponsor an AED and CPR class in conjunction with the Romulus Fire Department

The class is set for 3-5 p.m. Thursday, June 20 at Romulus Fire Station 4, 28777 Eureka Road in Romulus.

Cost for the class is $35 and registration and payment must be received by the chamber office no later than Monday, June 17.

For more information, call (734) 893-0694. The chamber office is located at 11189 Shook Road in Romulus.

Vacation Bible School offered

St. Paul Lutheran Church will offer Vacation Bible School classes from 6-8 p.m. June 20 and 21 and from 10 a.m. until noon June 22.

The church is located at 19109 Craig St. in New Boston.

For more information or to register, call (734) 753-9048.

Library hosts Disc Dogs

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland will host Disc Dogs of Michigan from 6-7 p.m. June 20 on the library lawn.

There will be a family fun show, with amazing K9 athletes, including fast dogs, Frisbee dogs, and trick dogs. No registration required and all ages are welcome at the free show.

The library is located at 6123 Central City Parkway in Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

Church plans car show

St. Paul Lutheran Church in New Boston will host a car show as part of the free Summer Blast celebration.

The event is planned for 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, June 22 at the church, 19109 Craig St. at the corner of Ellis Road one block off Sibley Road.

The day-long event will include a 50/50 raffle, door prizes, food, drink, games, face painting, a waterslide and the Huron Township Fire Department obstacle course.

For more information about the free event, call (734) 753-9083.

Firefighters host charity barbecue

The City of Wayne firefighters will host the 3rd Annual Charity BBQ from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. June 22 at the fire station, 3300 South Wayne Road.

The cost for the meal is $5 and will include a hamburger or hot dog, chips, drink and dessert. Entertainment will include face painting, a bounce house, ice cream and other attractions. There will also be raffles and a 50/50 drawing.

Advance tickets are not necessary.

Flowers Are Forever is Tuesday

The Trailwood Garden Club in Plymouth will present the 23rd annual "Flowers Are Forever" garden walk from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 25.

Guests can meet the homeowners, bring questions for the Master Gardeners and visit the perennial and garden treasure sale. Complementary refreshments will be served and a door prize will be awarded.

Admission is $10 and $12 day of the walk. Children younger than 12 are admitted at half price. Admission tickets will provide descriptions and directions to the five gardens and the perennial and treasure sale.

Tickets can be purchased at the Little Black Heart Boutique, Sideways and Specialty Pets.

Online tickets and /or more information go to TrailwoodGardenclub.com; or call (734) 459-7146.

Beer festival planned

Northville Chamber of Commerce will host the third annual Tapped in the 'Ville Beer Festival from 2-6 p.m. Saturday, June 22. The festival is a 21 and older event and will take place at Millennium Park (45769 Six Mile). It will feature local and regional breweries and visitors will be able to sample a vast selection of craft beers, enjoy live entertainment and there will be food trucks on site.

Admission includes 10 tasting tickets and a 12-ounce "Tapped in the Ville" mug. For tickets or for more information, call (248) 349-7640 or visit tappedintheville.com

Library hosts Touch a Truck

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland will host a Touch a Truck event from 10 until 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 25.

The event will take place in the library parking lot where several emergency vehicles, a police car, and others will be parked for close-up inspections.

No registration is required and all ages are welcome at the free event. The library is located at 6123 Central City Parkway in Westland.

For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

Jazz at the Elks set

Jazz at The Elks takes place from 7-9:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge. There is a $10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres.

Dave Tatrow Quartet will perform June 25. This versatile trumpeter plays the whole gamut of jazz and will bring a veteran band of musicians: Pat Cronley on keyboard, Kurt Krahnke on bass and Pete Siers on drums.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325 is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-1780 or visit www.plyaa325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com.

Picnic registration deadline near

Registration for the Inkster Commission on Aging Annual Picnic closes June 28.

The picnic will take place from 11:30 until 2:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2 at Wheatley Park in the city. The park is located at the intersection of Penn and Beech Daly Road.

Call (313) 561-2382 to register for the event which will include a cake walk, bingo, a t-shirt for all registered participants along with a boxed lunch, games and fellowship.

For more information, call the number listed above.

Police to show movie

Movie Night at the Inkster Police Department is set for 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 28.

The free event includes fresh popcorn, hot dogs and other refreshments. The movie is shown outside at the police department parking lot, so visitors should dress for the weather and bring a chair or blanket to sit on.

A vote is currently being taken to choose the first movie. To vote, go to Facebook.com/InksterPolice.

The Inkster Police Department is located at 26279 Michigan Ave. in Inkster.

Annual Flea Market planned

The Romulus Historical Society will host the Annual Flea market from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday June 29 at Romulus Historical Park, 11147 Hunt St. in Romulus.

Vendors should furnish their own tables.

There will be a wide variety of items for sale.

For more information or to sign up as a vendor, contact Cathy Morse (734) 941-6361.

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